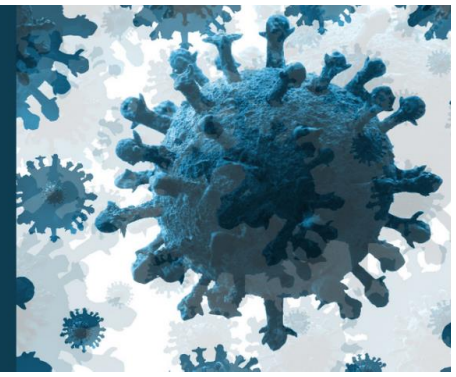


# COVID-19 Immunization Update

For Health Care Providers in Oxford County, Elgin County,  
and the City of St. Thomas



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## An Update from Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health

*Please share with staff as appropriate.*

### What You Need to Know This Week

#### 1. INTERVALS FOR THIRD DOSES IN ONTARIO

- On November 3, [Ontario expanded eligibility](#) for third doses to include:
- Intervals between last and third dose differ depending on reason for eligibility:
  - Eligible due to medical condition – give third dose a min. of 8 weeks since second dose
  - Eligible for all other reasons – give third dose a min. of 6 months (24 weeks) since second dose
- Individuals [previously eligible for a medical condition or an eligible prescription](#) must still present a completed [referral form](#), or their prescription, at the time of vaccination.
- Refer to the [R12.0-06 Vaccine Admin Job Aid](#) for guidance on correcting inventory records doses available, including recording half doses for eligible adults up to age 70 in COVaxOn.
- On November 9, [Health Canada authorized](#) the use of Pfizer-BioNTech for booster doses 6 months after a completed vaccination series for anyone aged 18 or older in Canada. **No action is required** until the Ontario Ministry of Health provides provincial guidance for implementation.

#### 2. SWPH REGION VACCINATION RATES

- Data from the Ministry of Health as of November 9:
  - Percentage of SWPH 12+ population with at least one dose: 86.8%
  - Percentage of SWPH 12+ population with both doses: 83.8%
  - Percentage of SWPH 12+ population with three doses: 1.8%
- **To curb the spread of the Delta variant, 90-95% vaccine coverage is required.**

#### 3. 5-11 YEAR OLD VACCINATION

- Health Canada is currently reviewing approvals for COVID-19 vaccination for ages 5 to 11 in Canada. It is expected we will hear more from Health Canada in late November.

- We will share more details as they are made available.

#### 4. HEALTH CANADA EXTENDS SHELF-LIFE OF SPECIFIC VACCINE LOTS

- Health Canada has authorized the 2-month shelf-life extension for specific lots of Moderna, increasing from 7 to 9 months.
- [View the notification](#) for full details.

#### 5. PHARMACY COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

- Several Ministry communications were distributed to pharmacies administering vaccines, including:
  - [Executive Officer Notice: Administration of the Publicly Funded COVID-19 Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies – Eligibility](#) (Nov 3)
  - [Executive Officer Notice: Administration of the Publicly Funded COVID-19 Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies – Billing](#) (Nov 3)
  - [Pharmacy Q&A](#) (Nov 3)
  - [Patient Q&A](#) (Nov 3)